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# TOWN OFFICERS, 1886.

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CLERK.

JAMES M. THOMPSON.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

JOHN W. TRUE,                      JAMES M. THOMPSON,  
DAVID W. MERRILL.

TREASURER.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

JOHN I. STURGIS.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

# ANNUAL REPORTS.

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The Annual Reports of the Town Officers of the Town of New Gloucester, for the year ending March 1, 1887, are herewith submitted :

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### VALUATION.

Total valuation for the year 1886, \$837,606 00  
Number of polls, 298. Poll tax, \$2.50. Rate of taxation, .012 on \$1.00.

### ASSESSMENTS.

For State tax,	\$3,077 68	
County tax,	477 57	
	<hr/>	\$3,555 25
Support of schools,	\$2,000 00	
Contingent expenses,	1,200 00	
Building new Town House,	1,000 00	
School-house in District No. 2,	280 00	
Repairs of school-houses,	200 00	
Enlarging Cemetery over the hill,	100 00	
Cemeteries,	150 00	
Repairs of roads and bridges,	2,000 00	
Amount of overlay,	310 97	
	<hr/>	\$7,240 97
Total amount committed to collector,		\$10,796 22

### RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the town from February 19, 1886, to February 25, 1887, have been as follows :

Received of the Town of Poland, pauper ex-	
penses,	\$15 00
M. T. Holt, auctioneer license,	2 00
M. C. Clark, for lathes,	67

Received of Joseph P. Dunn, for taxes on real estate of Daniel Cobb,	\$7 89
C. N. Fogg, for old school-house in District No. 5,	85 00
Leonard Verrill, for non-resident tax deeds,	18 50
Bragdon, for non-resident tax deed,	3 62
Amos Batchelder, for taxes,	13 09
S. H. Chandler, money loaned the town,	1,000 00
B. W. Merrill, Treasurer of school fund,	252 65
J. M. Thompson, for old Town House,	35 00
Portland Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Pauper expenses of A. R. Cun- ningham,	5 00
School fund and mill tax for 1885,	620 25
Railroad and telegraph tax for 1885,	368 99
for Liquor cask,	25
of City of Lewiston, pauper ex- pense,	22 00
Portland Savings Bank,	2,000 00
O. C. Nelson, money loaned the Town,	600 00
M. T. Holt, auctioneer license,	2 00
G. C. Dolley, for non-resident taxes,	5 51
Town of Gray, school money,	17 72
B. W. Merrill, collector for year 1885,	801 03
B. W. Merrill, treasurer for year 1885,	57 60
Town of Poland, pauper ex- pense,	40 50
for use of Town Hall,	4 00
Supplemental tax, 1886,	30 50

Received of B. W. Merrill, collector for	
1886,	\$6,822 74
B. W. Merrill, guardian for T.	
J. Brackett,	50 00
	<hr/> \$14,881 51

## EXPENDITURES.

The amounts paid from the Treasury for the year ending February 25, 1887, has been as follows :

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1885.

Paid J. W. True, selectman, assessor, etc.,	\$69 00	
J. M. Thompson, selectman, assessor,		
etc.,	71 25	
D. W. Merrill, selectman, assessor, etc.,	69 75	
J. F. Hammond, supervisor of schools,	75 00	
B. W. Merrill, treasurer of school fund,	13 00	
B. W. Merrill, treasurer and constable,	33 00	
Geo. W. Plummer, services as moder-		
ator,	1 50	
B. W. Merrill, collector,	103 78	
J. M. Thompson, town clerk,	10 44	
	<hr/>	\$446 72

## SCHOOLS.

	DR.	
Paid for support of schools, as per bills		
approved by supervisor,	\$3,214 73	
Unexpended balance,	463 72	
	<hr/>	\$3,678 45
	CR.	
By unexpended balance, February 19, 1886,	\$787 83	
Town appropriation,	2,000 00	
State school fund and mill tax due Jan-		
uary 1, 1886,	620 25	
New Gloucester school fund, due April		
23, 1886,	252 65	
From Town of Gray,	17 72	
	<hr/>	\$3,678 45

## NEW TOWN HOUSE.

Paid F. H. Merrill, for lot,	\$300 00	
H. C. Foster, labor, material, etc.,	3,136 76	
J. I. Sturgis, for cash advanced for plans and specifications,	100 00	
Sturgis and Merrill, for lumber,	9 97	
B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to H. C. Foster, for labor, etc.,	500 00	
Freight,	5 34	
H. C. Foster, balance due for building Town House,	179 39	
J. M. Thompson, for making bonds,	75	
J. I. Sturgis, for cash advanced to pay freight,	85	
J. I. Sturgis, for cash advanced for contingent expenses,	14 87	
C. H. Barrell, for laying foundation,	299 00	
B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced,	10 20	
S. H. Hackett, for labor and brick,	4 00	
H. B. Bennett, for supplies,	1 62	
O. C. Nelson, for cash advanced to pay bills,	56 57	
	<hr/>	\$4,619 32
Appropriation, \$4,600.00.		

FURNISHING TOWN HOUSE, GRADING AND  
FENCING LOT.

Paid B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay bills,	\$199 67	
A. L. & E. F. Goss, stoves, etc.,	115 49	
Otis C. Nelson, for cash advanced to pay bills,	188 64	
H. C. Foster, for labor,	54 00	
J. Batchelder & Sons, for furniture,	209 10	
H. R. Millett, for insurance on Town House,	12 00	
A. C. Shaw, for trimming lamps, etc.,	4 00	
Geo. H. Cloudman, for painting sign,	50	
	<hr/>	\$783 40
Appropriation, \$1,000.00.		

## REPAIR OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid for repairs of school-houses, as per bills approved by supervisor of schools,	\$299 89
Appropriation, \$200.00.	

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

	1883.	
Paid A. H. Eveleth,		\$0 67
	1884.	
Paid Silas C. Bickford,	\$1 25	
A. H. Nevens,	87	
C. A. Estes,	1 00	
J. R. Griffin,	4 20	
	<hr/>	\$7 32
	1885.	
Paid Nathan Johnson,	\$8 75	
J. G. Bennett, for snow fence,	10 00	
Geo. B. Pierce,	6 87	
Caroline S. Starbird,	4 12	
P. H. Hubbard,	6 50	
B. Small,	1 00	
J. L. Megquier,	6 68	
S. C. Bickford,	2 52	
J. W. Rideout,	50	
A. J. Haskell,	5 75	
Geo. S. Sparrow,	38	
L. C. Blake,	50	
C. E. Nason,	1 75	
J. C. Lane,	88	
J. M. Lane,	88	
Charles Lane,	38	
Charles Estes,	25	
John Whitman,	50	
E. P. Blake,	2 63	
F. H. Nevens,	1 87	
Jabez True,	1 87	
Nathaniel Rideout,	6 38	
J. W. Jordan,	2 25	

Paid J. W. Sawyer,	\$1 00
E. N. Gilbert,	2 46
M. C. Clark,	1 25

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 \$77 92

1886.

Paid J. B. Hammond,	\$22 00
B. S. Atkins,	2 25
E. W. Curtis,	2 47
Mrs. A. G. Stevens for use of stable for town teams,	5 00
M. C. Railroad, freight,	50
C. W. Carsley,	3 50
C. H. Small,	6 45
W. Jordan & Co., for plank,	3 75
L. E. Brown,	6 95
D. W. Merrill,	2 75
Erastus Bryant,	4 75
Chas. Mitchell, casting for road machine,	15 65
Timothy Berry,	1 80
N. Johnson,	4 50
Geo. W. Plummer,	1 00
Chas. M. Lane,	1 65
Leroy Farrar,	6 88
Geo. E. Smith,	60
D. N. Jordan,	4 50
Jos. E. Lapham,	2 04
Walter Brackett,	2 50
E. W. Hill,	6 37
H. F. Woodbury,	45
F. M. Thayer,	2 10
A. C. Chandler,	4 20
B. Small,	1 50
E. M. Morgan,	3 45
Samuel Hicks,	3 30
C. O. Merrill,	1 80
C. P. Merrill,	1 80
A. J. Dawes,	1 65
A. F. Cole,	67
John Whitman,	97
A. Nevens,	1 42

Paid D. C. McIntire,	\$1 65
Nelson Chase,	2 25
C. H. Cobb,	1 00
Arthur E. Cobb,	50
J. L. Megquier,	12 50
W. Witham,	6 75
W. W. Witham,	3 70
M. C. Clark,	3 67
C. R. Atwood,	1 75
C. A. Andrews,	38
C. H. Wharff,	30
David H. Allen,	1 00
Freedom Stinchfield,	30
Geo. W. Haskell,	4 25
C. M. Gould,	3 30
Joseph Welch,	2 25
Alvah Morse,	75
B. S. Shailer,	3 30
G. B. Pierce,	13 17
J. A. King,	3 25
O. C. Nelson,	1 13
W. H. True,	1 06
J. C. Pendexter,	90
J. L. Davis,	6 94
H. M. Dunn,	6 98
C. H. Nelson,	9 18
S. M. Farnam,	27 00
G. Z. Benson,	2 17
C. L. Rice,	1 89
B. F. Fickett,	4 73
Elbridge Field,	80
Alonzo Larrabee,	3 32
F. W. York,	1 50
Charles Shackford,	1 80
J. Edwards,	3 30
Otis Verrill,	2 10
T. M. Merrill,	4 20
John Strout,	45
Joseph Wilson,	1 50
A. H. Merrill,	9 67

Paid A. H. Nevens,	\$6 30
S. H. Hackett,	75
Charles Ayer,	75
James Jordan,	1 50
Wm. Ayer,	1 05
J. A. Tufts,	6 07
Bert Weymouth,	52
S. W. Bennett,	1 20
Herman Webber,	90
Geo. Clark,	75
G. B. Penney,	1 40
O. C. Stinchfield,	90
A. J. Haskell,	3 90
Geo. Sparrow,	25
L. C. Blake,	1 30
Ezra Nason,	3 90
J. C. Lane,	1 05
J. M. Lane,	1 20
John Witham,	75
Chas. M. Cobb,	1 75
Frank Estes,	75
J. H. Day,	30 62
F. H. Nevens,	4 05
Jabez True,	5 25
Nathaniel Rideout,	6 13
C. P. Haskell,	6 37
F. W. Berry,	1 90
A. L. Richards,	1 50
G. W. Ricker,	1 25
United Society of Shakers,	36 15
Horace Searles,	7 50
Frank Merrill,	4 50
Thomas Greeley,	121 35
Chas. S. Estes,	1 50
E. N. Gilbert,	4 00
Chas. Schillenger,	10 00
C. P. Bennett,	2 35
S. N. Martin,	1 95
J. W. Rideout,	10 72
E. P. Blake,	218 58

Paid Blake & Buck,	\$494 06
Addison Buck,	32 57
L. C. Curtis,	116 80
L. C. Berry,	5 70
W. H. Snow,	1 20
Orville Small,	1 87
J. W. Sawyer,	4 20
W. H. Eveleth,	119 25
W. E. Blake,	127 43
Benj. McIntire,	21 75
J. W. True,	8 29
C. H. N. Rowe,	6 70
B. J. R. Small,	1 20
M. T. Holt,	1 80
J. P. Bailey,	3 22
W. H. Greeley,	1 50
C. A. Winslow,	1 50
Walter Watson,	2 47
W. H. Greeley, Jr.,	75
H. M. Harmon,	60
W. L. Shurtleff,	90
Alverdo Estes, lumber,	18 13
C. S. Haskell,	40 50
S. C. Bickford,	5 55
F. A. Copp,	6 00
E. J. Mitchell,	3 79
John Snow,	67
H. H. Sawyer,	5 40
E. A. White,	60
P. H. Hubbard,	33 61
J. P. Eveleth, repairs of road machine,	12 14
C. M. Witham,	2 40
F. N. Nevens,	75
H. C. Woodbury,	60
Samuel Estes,	3 00
F. H. Morse,	21 40
King Buck,	1 50
B. W. Merrill, for cash paid out for public watering tubs,	34 50

Paid Freeman H. Morse, for labor on the Morse Hill,	\$45 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,990 47
Appropriation, \$2,000.		

## TOWN FARM.

Paid C. W. Carsley, salary as agent on the farm,	\$375 00	
C. W. Carsley, to balance farm account,	110 93	
Addison Buck, for one horse,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$585 93

## PAUPERS OFF THE FARM.

Paid Lizzie M. Harmon, for support to September 13, 1886,	\$75 00	
For support of J. A. Verrill from Dec. 13, 1885, to Feb. 9, 1887,	58 00	
Nathaniel Bennett, for board of How- ard Winslow,	5 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attend- ance on Howard Winslow,	3 00	
Town of Freeport, for supplies fur- nished Fred Plummer,	4 45	
D. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay for pauper supplies fur- nished Geo. F. Berry,	20 00	
I. H. Keith, for cloth furnished Rosina Berry,	1 98	
J. W. True, for cash advanced to pay for supplies furnished Rosina Berry,	5 00	
Town of Poland, for supplies furnished Jane Rollins,	80 28	
D. W. Merrill, funeral expenses of Jane Rollins	16 50	
Dr. J. W. Stuart, for medical attend- ance on Hannah Strout,	28 50	
Geo. Blake & Son, for pauper supplies furnished A. J. Strout,	3 00	

Paid Geo. Blake & Son, for pauper supplies furnished S. B. Rowe,	\$5 00	
Sarah A. Foster, for board and care of Abram Foster 18 weeks,	18 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Abram Foster,	30 75	
Emery Osgood, for robe and coffin for Abram Foster,	15 00	
J. P. Eveleth, for services and expenses at death of Abram Foster,	7 50	
A. C. Shaw, opening and closing grave of Abram Foster,	2 00	
Maine Insane Hospital, for board and care of Thomas J. Brackett,	127 27	
Maine Insane Hospital, for board and care of Edwin G. Titcomb,	110 67	
J. W. True, for cash advanced to pay expenses of taking Edwin G. Titcomb from the Maine Insane Hospital,	11 45	
	<hr/>	\$628 35

#### PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid William Edwards, for board and care of H. S. Edwards (Casco pauper),	\$27 00	
Dr. E. T. Andrews, for medical attendance on Edwin Thurston (Poland pauper),	5 00	
F. H. Morse, for clothing and expenses at death and funeral of Edwin Thurston,	8 50	
Emery Osgood, for robe and casket for Edwin Thurston,	15 00	
H. Ward Johnson, for services as sexton at funeral of Edwin Thurston,	2 00	
S. G. Norton, for pauper supplies furnished A. R. Cunningham (Bradford pauper),	5 00	

Paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on child of T. Berry (Poland pauper),	\$10 00	
D. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay funeral expenses of John S. Shackford (Lewiston pauper),	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$79 50

## PAUPERS HAVING NO SETTLEMENT IN THE STATE.

Paid J. W. True, for care of tramps,	\$3 00	
J. M. Thompson, for cash advanced to pay for care of tramps,	3 15	
	<hr/>	\$6 15

## CEMETERIES.

Paid M. C. Clark, for cash advanced to pay for tools at Webber yard,	\$6 36	
M. C. Clark, for labor in Webber yard in 1885,	3 00	
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A. C. Shaw, for labor in cemetery at Lower Corner,	7 00	
P. C. Burgess, for labor in cemetery at the Pond,	1 50	
H. Ward Johnson, for labor in cemetery over the hill,	3 65	
J. P. Eveleth, for making chart of cemetery at Lower Corner,	3 50	
Charles Brackett, for repairing hearse,	1 25	
Frank Cummings, for making pole, whiffle-tree, etc., for hearse,	8 75	
Addison Buck, for moving wall at cemetery over the hill,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 01
Appropriation, \$150.00.		

## ENLARGING CEMETERY OVER THE HILL.

Paid Joseph P. Johnson, for land to enlarge cemetery over the hill,	\$50 00
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Paid L. E. Cram, for registering deed,	\$0 50	
Jordan, Frost & Co., for lumber for fence,	31 87	
Maine Central Railroad, for freight on lumber,	2 52	
J. W. True, for unloading and hauling lumber for fence,	5 25	
M. T. Holt, for labor building fence,	8 47	
	<hr/>	\$98 61
Appropriation, \$100.00.		

## ABATEMENTS ON ASSESSMENTS.

1882.

James H. Brown, poll tax, residence un- known,	\$2 00	
A. J. Marston, poll tax, by reason of being poor,	2 00	
Somes L. Davis, poll tax, not liable,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$6 00

1883.

Somes L. Davis, poll tax, not liable,	\$2 00	
James Hodgkins, Jr., poll tax, by reason of being poor,	2 00	
Charles E. Morey, poll tax and personal property, by reason of being poor,	2 18	
Melville May, highway tax, not liable,	1 00	
Charles R. Strout, poll tax, not liable,	2 00	
Stephen Thurlow, poll tax, residence un- known,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 18

1884.

Charles M. Cobb, highway tax of 1883, put in by mistake,	\$1 05	
J. W. Foote, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50	
Samuel Green, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
Melville Hodgkins, poll tax, residence un- known,	2 50	
—— Hodgkins, unknown,	2 50	
Charles E. Morey, poll tax and highway tax of 1883,	3 54	

Thomas McPherson, poll tax, residence unknown,	\$2 50	
Daniel McQuade, poll tax and personal property, residence unknown,	3 13	
Charles R. Strout, poll tax and highway tax of 1883, not liable,	3 50	
Estate of Benjamin Sawyer's heirs, taxed twice,	8 78	
William H. Tripp, for highway tax of 1883, not liable,	1 00	
United Society of Shakers, for mistake in valuation of stock,	4 88	
	<hr/>	\$38 38

## 1885.

Sumner Bickford, poll tax, not liable,	\$2 50	
William R. Eveleth, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
Sewall F. Harmon, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
Isaac Harmon, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
John V. Huston, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
Charles Harmon, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
Geo. E. Morse, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
Geo. K. Pierce, poll tax, dead,	2 50	
Charles M. Thompson, poll tax, by reason of disability,	2 50	
Isaac Fuller, real estate, by reason of sickness,	4 17	
Estate of David Hanson's heirs, taxed twice by mistake,	5 45	
Bela Latham, real estate taxed to Walter Brackett,	3 28	
	<hr/>	\$35 40

## BEAR BROOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid Charles Morrell, labor, 1885,	\$6 87	
Charles H. Wharff, hauling lime, lumber, etc.,	9 25	
O. F. Marshall, labor changing seats,	3 00	
J. W. True, for cash advanced to pay freight on furniture,	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$20 72

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid B. W. Merrill, for cash to pay taxes on non-resident property now owned by the town,	\$31 32
S. F. Hilton, for attending twenty-five funerals, with hearse,	50 00
S. H. Chandler, for money loaned the town,	1,000 00
Proprietors of Lewiston Journal, for diplomas for graduating class of 1885,	7 75
Proprietors of Lewiston Journal, for printing town reports of 1885,	36 50
Clarence Hale, for legal services in the Quimby case,	15 00
Clarence Hale, for legal services in the Ricker Road case,	108 00
Enoch F. Wells, for damage to sleigh caused by an alleged defect in the highway,	4 50
Simeon Wells, wood for Town House,	4 75
A. C. Shaw, care of Town House,	10 50
I. H. Keith, one record book for Town Clerk,	7 90
S. H. Chandler, interest on money loaned the town,	12 50
Portland Savings Bank, interest on money loaned the town,	45 00
Frank Cummings, for repairing Town House and ballot box, sweep- ing, etc.,	1 60
William H. Snow, for labor at Town House,	50
I. H. Keith, ink holder, pens, ink, etc.,	1 50
Henry A. Fogg, use of plow, grading school lot, Dist. No. 1, in 1885,	2 00
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for books and stationery,	8 96
B. W. Merrill, storing liquors six years, to March 1, 1886,	12 00

Paid Geo. E. Whitman Post, G. A. R., lumber for wood-boxes for Town House,	\$0- 86	
D. W. Merrill, contingent expenses,	4 54	
D. W. Merrill, postage,	54	
J. M. Thompson, contingent expenses,	5 16	
Fred M. Smith, for sawing wood for Town House,	1 27	
J. W. True, contingent expenses,	4 10	
J. W. True, postage on registered let- ters, etc.,	2 25	
J. W. True, expenses for witness fees, etc., in Ricker road case,	5 25	
C. H. Thompson, for printing letter- heads, notices, envelopes, etc.,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,385 75
Appropriation, \$1,200.00.		
Paid S. H. & A. C. Chandler, for money loaned the town to repair school- house, District No. 2, in 1885,	\$265 77	
S. H. & A. C. Chandler, interest on same,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$281 77
Appropriation, \$280.00.		
Total amount of receipts,		\$14,881 51
Total amount of expenditures,	\$14,668 19	
Balance in the hands of treasurer,	213 32	
	<hr/>	\$14,881 51

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

### RESOURCES.

Balance in hand of treasurer,	\$213 32
Amount due from collector,	448 73
Railroad and telegraph tax for 1886,	469 00
State school fund and mill tax for 1886,	676 71
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1887,	284 65
Due from the Town of Poland (estimated),	50 00
Town of Casco,	27 00

Due from New Gloucester Grange, for set-tees,	\$40 00	
Herman Webber, for old hearse,	5 00	
Liquor casks,	74 01	
Due from E. Y. Fogg, for 4 1-2 thousand shingles,	14 62	
Due for use of Town Hall,	18 00	
Balance against the town,	3,590 08	
	<hr/>	\$5,911 12

## LIABILITIES.

Amount due the schools,	\$463 72	
Collector's fees for 1886,	162 40	
Town officers' bills (estimated),	335 00	
Outstanding road bills (estimated),	250 00	
Other outstanding bills,	25 00	
Outstanding orders, O. C. Nelson,	600 00	
Due E. Y. Fogg, for school-house lot,	75 00	
Due the Portland Savings Bank,	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,911 12

## TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

C. W. CARSLY, AGENT.

	DR.	
To Agent's salary,	\$375 00	
Supplies purchased by the Agent,	1,041 19	
Amount paid A. Buck for horse,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,516 19
	CR.	
By amount for cream sold,	\$513 30	
Other sales from the farm,	416 96	
One horse more than last year,	100 00	
Farm cart and double harnesses,	55 00	
Produce more than last year,	10 00	
Balance against the farm,	420 93	
	<hr/>	\$1,516 19

Amount of stock and supplies on the farm: 2 horses, 11 cows, 1 yoke steers (2 years old), 4 shoats, 45 hens, 20 tons hay, 1½ tons straw, 14 bush. beans, 200 lbs. ground feed, 60 bush. oats, 200 bush. potatoes, 90 gals. vinegar, 90 gals. cider,

300 lbs. pork, 16 gals. kerosene oil, 30 gals. soft soap, 15 lbs. tallow, 30 lbs. lard, 17 lbs. tea, 20 lbs. raisins, 20 lbs. coffee, 60 lbs. sugar, and vegetables enough for family use.

The number of paupers on the farm is two. We feel assured that the poor have been well cared for the past year. In our visits to the farm we have always found the house in the best of order. Three of the inmates have died during the year, Moses Welch and wife, and Mrs. Harriet Higgins. We think great commendation is due Mr. and Mrs. Carsley for the kind and faithful manner in which they performed their duties to these people during their last sickness. The stock is looking finely, the results from the cows being very satisfactory. Your Selectmen thought it for the interest of the town to purchase another horse for the farm, and do the work with horses instead of oxen. We now have a good team of horses, with carts and harness in good condition to do the labor on the farm to advantage. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Edwards have been employed to take charge of the farm during the ensuing year.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

The joint board of County Commissioners, from the counties of Cumberland and Androscoggin gave notice of a hearing on the Ricker road, "so-called." Your Selectmen thought it best to employ legal advice. Therefore Clarence Hale, Esq., was employed to look after our interest in the case, and we opposed it to the best of our ability, but without success. The road has been laid out, and the matter will be laid before the town at its next annual meeting, for a discussion as to whether it is best to carry the case to the Supreme Court, or build the road.

The money being paid Mrs. Lizzie M. Harmon, of Calais, toward her support, was discontinued Sept. 13, 1886, and since that time she has been self-supporting. We are still paying one dollar per week for the support of J. A. Verrill.

Early in October, Bela Carpenter called upon the town for help, and was taken to the farm, where he has remained up to the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TRUE,

J. M. THOMPSON,

D. W. MERRILL,

*Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, etc.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

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	DR.
To received from :	
Town of Poland, pauper supplies,	\$15 00
M. T. Holt, auctioneer license from Dec., 1885, to Dec., 1886,	2 00
M. C. Clark, for lathes,	67
Joseph P. Dunn, for taxes on real estate of Daniel Cobb,	7 89
C. N. Fogg, for old school-house in Dis- trict No. 5,	85 00
Leonard Verrill for non-resident tax deeds,	18 50
S. Bragdon, for non-resident tax deeds,	3 62
Amos Bachelder, for tax deed for land formerly owned by Amos Bachelder and Samuel Boardman,	13 09
S. H. Chandler, for money loaned the town,	1,000 00
B. W. Merrill, treasurer of school fund,	252 65
J. M. Thompson, for old Town House,	35 00
Portland Savings Bank, money loaned the town,	2,000 00
Town of Bradford, pauper expenses,	5 00
School fund and mill tax of 1885,	620 25
Railroad and telegraph tax of 1885,	368 99
Liquor casks,	25
City of Lewiston, pauper expenses,	22 00
Portland Savings Bank, money loaned the town,	2,000 00
O. C. Nelson, money loaned the town,	600 00
M. T. Holt, auctioneer license from Jan. 19, 1887, to Jan. 19, 1888,	2 00
G. C. Dolley, for non-resident taxes for the years 1883, 1884, 1885,	5 51

## To received from :

Town of Gray, for tuition of children of	
C. M. Lane,	\$17 72
B. W. Merrill, collector for 1885,	801 03
B. W. Merrill, treasurer for 1885,	57 60
Town of Poland, pauper expenses,	40 50
J. M. Thompson, for use of Town Hall,	4 00
B. W. Merrill, collector for 1886,	6,822 74
Supplemental tax for 1886,	30 50
B. W. Merrill, guardian of T. J. Brackett,	50 00
	<hr/> \$14,881 51

## CR.

By town orders taken up,	\$14,668 19
Cash in the treasury,	213 32
	<hr/> \$14,881 51

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEW GLOUCESTER SCHOOL FUND.

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Amount of capital in notes,		\$4,144 30
Amount of interest due April 23, 1887,	\$284 65	
Four shares of First National Bank Stock of Portland,		409 50
Interest on same,	16 00	
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	\$300 65	<hr/>
		\$4,553 80
Amount paid the town schools the past year for support of schools,	\$252 65	

B. W. MERRILL, *Treasurer.*

New Gloucester, Feb. 25, 1887.

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## REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF EZRA TOBIE FUND.

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Amount received from the fund,		\$30 00
Amount paid for the benefit of the paupers on the Town Farm,	\$11 50	
Amount paid to the poor of the town not on the farm,	18 50	
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		\$30 00

S. H. CHANDLER, *Trustee.*

New Gloucester, Feb. 28, 1887.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

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The following annual report of the schools of New Gloucester is respectfully submitted :

The whole number of children in town between the ages of 4 and 21 years, April 1, 1886,	409
Whole number attending Summer Schools,	196
Average number attending Summer Schools,	163
Whole number attending Fall Schools,	184
Average number attending Fall Schools,	142
Whole number attending Winter Schools,	205
Average number attending Winter Schools,	170
Length of school, Summer Term,	10 weeks
Length of school, Fall Term,	10 weeks
Length of school, Winter Term,	11 weeks

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RESOURCES.

Amount in treasury due the schools Feb. 23, 1886,	\$787 83
Amount voted by town,	2,000 00
Received from State school fund and mill tax,	620 25
Received from town school fund,	252 65
Received from town of Gray,	17 72
Due from town of Poland for years 1884 and 1885 (estimated),	50 00
	<hr/> \$3,728 45

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid by order of J. F. Hammond,	\$715 83
N. S. Fickett, proportion of school money for 1885,	13 98
J. L. Megquier, proportion of school money for 1885,	13 98
Frank Edwards, proportion of school money for 1885,	27 96

Paid John B. Sawyer, proportion of school money for 1884 and 1885,	\$27 68
G. S. Wilson, balance of school money for 1885,	5 84
Town of Poland, school money for 1885,	27 96
teachers' wages for Summer Schools,	762 50
teachers' wages for Fall Schools,	725 00
teachers' wages for Winter Schools,	1,018 10
for wood and coal for use in 1887 (esti- mated),	160 00
for care of school buildings, 1886,	42 40
for supplies for 1886,	27 19
proportion of school money due N. S. Fick- ett, J. L. Megquier, Frank Edwards, John B. Sawyer, and town of Poland for 1886 (estimated),	112 75
outstanding bills not reckoned, estimated not to exceed	25 00
Balance unexpended,	\$22 28

When the schools of the town came under my care, they had already entered upon the work of the summer term. Their general condition was very satisfactory, and the same is true at the present time. In calling the attention of the citizens of the town to the condition and progress of our schools, I shall refrain from criticism of individual schools and teachers, believing that the advantages of such criticism disappeared, for the most part, with the abolition of the districts. Furthermore, the interest which our towns-people take in the schools is largely an intelligent interest. The good schools have been appreciated by the people of the districts so fortunate as to secure them, and there has been in most cases an equally ready appreciation of deficiencies and failures.

Some of our schools have been of a high order of excellence; others have been of average quality and merit; a few have been unquestionable failures. One prevailing lack on the part of our teachers is that of the power to properly discipline and govern a school. In place of the too rigorous discipline of the ancient "mistress" and "master", we have in many cases the other extreme—no government. Much has been said of late years about "government by love," and nearly all teachers feel bound to attempt such a government of their schools. A slight analysis of their ideas upon the subject reveals the fact that in most cases "government by love" is nearly or quite synonymous with "no government whatever." A

teacher who has barely succeeded in staying in the school-house throughout the term, has "governed by love!" The successful disciplinarian must possess, in addition to a good amount of self-reliance, decided opinions as to what constitutes school government, and the backbone to carry out his convictions. Teachers may, and should bring all possible love and devotion to their work, but unless they also bring the power and skill to regulate and control the machinery, great loss and waste will be the result. Some of our young teachers, with additional experience and study, promise to succeed in this field where so many have failed.

One noticeable point in connection with our schools, is the real and very general interest on the part of parents and pupils. This I believe to be largely a result of the adoption of the Graduating System, and is a good argument in favor of its continuance. The graduates of this year are two only: Miss Mabel M. McIntire, of Harris Hill; and Miss Tillie E. Potter, of the Penney District. These young ladies, having completed the prescribed course of study, and passed their examinations upon the same, received their diplomas at the close of the Winter Term. A somewhat larger class will be ready for graduation at the close of the next school year.

A continuance of generous financial support, and persistent effort to obtain really competent teachers, will insure, I believe, not only the continued but the increasing prosperity of our schools.

J. I. STURGIS,

*Supervisor of Schools.*

## Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

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To BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, a constable of the town of New Gloucester, in the County of Cumberland,                      GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of New Gloucester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on the fourteenth day of March, A.D. 1887, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz. :

### ARTICLE 1st.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

### ARTICLE 2d.

To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

### ARTICLE 3d.

To receive and allow accounts.

### ARTICLE 4th.

To hear and act on reports.

### ARTICLE 5th.

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

### ARTICLE 6th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

### ARTICLE 7th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

### ARTICLE 8th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

### ARTICLE 9th.

To see in what manner the sum of money voted for the repair of roads and bridges shall be raised.

## ARTICLE 10th.

To see if the town will vote to allow Geo. S. Wilson, John B. Sawyer, Frances Edwards, Nathan E. Fickett, and John L. Megquier to draw their proportion of school money.

## ARTICLE 11th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the school-houses in repair.

## ARTICLE 12th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the cemeteries in repair.

## ARTICLE 13th.

To see if the town will vote to pay the heirs of Thomas G. Haskell for supporting a public watering-tub for the years 1884-85.

## ARTICLE 14th.

To see if the town will vote to appeal from the decision of the County Commissioners in laying out the Ricker Road, so called.

## ARTICLE 15th.

To see if the town will vote to build the road, known as the Ricker Road, as laid out by the joint board of County Commissioners, from the Counties of Androscoggin and Cumberland, commencing near the house of John Carpenter in Poland, thence by the house of John C. Pendexter, to the Auburn line; and how much money you will vote to raise to build the same.

## ARTICLE 16th.

To see if the town will vote to build a cattle pass on land of C. H. Nelson, when the "Ricker Road," so called, is built.

## ARTICLE 17th.

To see if the town will vote to raise by assessment, \$1,000, to pay a note due the Portland Savings Bank, Sept. 1, 1887; also, \$215, to pay the interest on outstanding notes and order.

## ARTICLE 18th.

To see if the town will vote to insure the Town House.

## ARTICLE 19th.

To see if the town will vote to change the outside doors of the Town House, so that they shall swing inside.

## ARTICLE 20th.

To see if the town will vote to sell the Town Farm.

## ARTICLE 21st.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a Town Farm near the centre of the town, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

## ARTICLE 22d.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a team to work on its road machine and to do any other work that the town may see fit for the team to do, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

## ARTICLE 23d.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a school-house on the Morse road, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

## ARTICLE 24th.

To see if the town will vote to reconsider the vote whereby they voted to exempt the New Gloucester Creamery Butter Co. from taxation.

## ARTICLE 25th.

To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as revised.

## ARTICLE 26th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a safe, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Town House at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at New Gloucester, this third day of March, A.D. 1887.

J. W. TRUE,

J. M. THOMPSON,

D. W. MERRILL,

*Selectmen of New Gloucester.*









